

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1-5 and add Claim 6 as shown on the following listing,

1 1. (Currently Amended.) In combination with a good or service dispensing installation operated by
2 a vendor, a crediting and debiting system which comprises: A point-of-sale device for accepting
3 payment for goods or services w.c.:

4 means for accepting from a purchaser of food or beverage items dispensable by said
5 installation and processing a creditable and debitale smart card;

6 electromechanical means for accepting currency ~~currencys~~;

7 means, responsive to said means for accepting, for writing on said card an amount
8 of currency accepted by said electromechanical means; and

9 means for debiting said card by an ~~the~~ amount of ~~said~~ payment for at least one of said
10 items.

1 2. (Currently Amended.) The system ~~device~~ of Claim 1, wherein said means for accepting currency
2 comprises a bank note acceptor.

1 3. (Currently Amended.) The system ~~device~~ of Claim 1 which further comprises means for storing
2 records of currency amounts accepted by said electromechanical means and of said amount of
3 payment ~~the given price~~ debited from said card.

1 4. (Currently Amended.) The system ~~device~~ of Claim 3 which further comprises means for

2. communicating said records to a vendor ~~an~~ account clearing house.

1 5. (Currently Amended.) The system device of Claim 3 which further comprises ~~4 in combination~~
2 ~~with~~ an account clearing house; and

3 means associated with said clearing house for crediting said vendor ~~an operator of~~
4 ~~said machine~~ with said debited amount of payment ~~given price~~ and for debiting to debit said vendor
5 ~~operator~~ by said accepted currency amount.

1 6. (New). A point-of-sale system for accepting payment for goods or services provided by a vendor
2 which comprises:

3 means for accepting and for processing a creditable and debitable smart card;

4 electromechanical means for accepting currency;

5 means, responsive to said means for accepting, for writing on said smart card an
6 amount accepted in currency by said electromechanical means;

7 means for debiting said smart card by an amount in payment for at least one good or
8 service provided by said vendor;

9 means for communicating to a vendor account clearing house a record of currency
10 amounts accepted by said electromechanical means and amounts of payment debited for said cards;
11 and

12 means, associated with said clearing house, for crediting said vendor with said debited
13 amounts of payment, and for debiting said vendor by said amount accepted in currency by said
14 electromechanical means.